

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

It is extremely inappropriate for TV stations to pre-empt primetime programming to present an hour-long attack ad as "news." With control over 62 stations in 39 markets, Sinclair Group is the poster child of what is wrong with the concentration of ownership in media. It is unconscionable that the FCC would allow such a violation of the public airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.